GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MENINGITIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of meningitis have come to the notice of the Government in various parts of the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected till date, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with this killer disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

(a) and (b) The State-wise number of cases of Meningitis during 2006, including that of Delhi, is given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to prevent the disease and to provide the required facilities. Efforts were made for early diagnosis and prompt treatment; contact tracking of the patients and providing chemoprophylaxis. 1EC activities were instituted with the participation of the community. A Control Room was set up in National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi to receive the samples from hospitals and to monitor and review the situation. Technical guidelines to prevent and control meningococcal diseases were circulated by NICD to the neighbouring States of Delhi. Training and laboratory support was given to all hospitals.